GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015
WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS
Nagar Shri Rodmal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to develop certain railway stations across the country as world class stations including Habibganj railway station near Bhopal in the West Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost and funds allocated for the purpose, station-wise;

(c) the status of progress of work in such stations; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 94 BY SHRI NAGAR RODMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2015 REGARDING WORLD CLASS RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) to (d): It has now been decided to offer stations for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. However, the process for redevelopment of stations, already identified including Habibganj would continue.

As the entire cost of the station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the station, no railway funds are required to be allocated.

Five stations viz. Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Shivaji Nagar & Habibganj were initially entrusted to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC), for which draft Master Plans have been prepared and are under statutory approvals, except for Habibganj for which in-principle approvals had been obtained from concerned authorities. Request for Qualifi- cation for Habibganj station has been finalized and bidders shortlisted for redevelopment contract. Surat station has also been entrusted to IRSDC, for which consultancy contract has been awarded on 06.1.2015. Gandhinagar station has been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), for which tenders for consultancy have been invited on 10.2.2015.

Bhubaneswar or New Bhubaneswar and Baiyyappanahalli (Bengaluru) stations are identified for prefeasibility studies by China Railway Construction Engineering Group at their cost under an MOU between Indian Railways and National Railway Administration, Government of the People's Republic of China.

Station redevelopment projects require detailed techno- economical feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local authorities. Though Railways have been making sustained efforts towards expediting various issues, no time frame can be indicated.